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In re Application of :
Jeffrey Bergh, et. al. :
Application No. 10/791,688 : **DECISION ON PETITION**
Filed: March 1, 2004 :
Attorney Docket No. 129843.1082 (H.072A) :

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed July 23, 2008, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This application became abandoned for failure to timely file a reply within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.113 to the Final Rejection of November 23, 2007. The proposed reply required for consideration of a petition to revive must be a Notice of Appeal (and appeal fee required by 37 CFR 41.20(b)(2)), an amendment that *prima facie* places the application in condition for allowance, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and submission (37 CFR 1.114), or the filing of a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b). See MPEP 711.03(c)(III)(A)(2). A three month extension of time pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) was obtained. Accordingly, the date of abandonment of this application is February 24, 2008.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and fee of \$810, and the submission required by 37 CFR 1.114; (2) the petition fee of \$1540; and (3) a proper statement of unintentional delay.

There is no indication that the person signing the petition was ever given a power of attorney or authorization of agent to prosecute the above-identified application. However, in accordance with 37CFR 1.34(a), the signature of Jason R. Fulmer appearing on the petition shall constitute a representation to the United States Patent and Trademark Office that he is authorized to represent the particular party in whose behalf he acts. If petitioner desires to receive future correspondence regarding this application, the appropriate power of attorney or authorization of agent must be submitted.

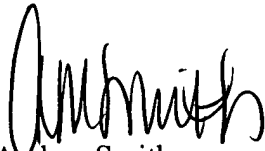
It is not apparent whether the statement of unintentional delay was signed by a person who would have been in a position of knowing that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. Nevertheless, in accordance with 37 CFR 10.18, the statement is accepted as constituting a certification of unintentional delay. However, in the event that petitioner has no knowledge that the delay was unintentional, petitioner must make such an inquiry to ascertain that, in fact, the delay was unintentional. If petitioner discovers that the delay was intentional, petitioner must so notify the Office.

In addition to receiving a Petition for Revival of an Application for Patent Abandoned Unintentionally Under 37CFR 1.137(b), the United States Patent and Trademark Office received a payment of \$1050 for a three month extension of time on July 23, 2008.

An extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 must be filed prior to the expiration of the maximum extendable period for reply. *See In re Application of S.*, 8 USPQ2d 1630, 1631 (Comm'r Pats. 1988). Since the \$1050 extension of time fee was subsequent to the maximum extendable period for reply, this fee is unnecessary and will be credited to the petitioner's credit card.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Denise Williams at (571) 272-8930.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 3679 for appropriate action by the Examiner in the normal course of business on the reply received.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrea Smith', is positioned above the printed name.

Andrea Smith
Petitions Examiner
Office of Petitions